

CITY OF YUBA CITY
STAFF REPORT

Date: April 5, 2022
To: Honorable Mayor & Members of the City Council
From: Public Works Department
Presentation By: Ben Moody, Public Works & Development Services Director

Summary

Subject: State Route 20 Corridor Improvements Project – Phase 2
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution adopting a CEQA Class 1 Categorical Exemption for the State Route 20 Corridor Improvements Project – Phase 2, approving the plans and specifications, and authorizing advertisement for bids on the Project, pending receipt of a Caltrans encroachment permit
Fiscal Impact: \$135,000 – Account No. 1254 (State Route 20 Corridor Improvements)
\$100,000 – Community Design Program Grant (SACOG)
\$ 35,000 – TDA Fund

Purpose:

Revitalize and improve the State Route 20 (SR20) corridor with streets improvements between State Route 99 and Feather River.

Council's Strategic Goal:

This project addresses City Council's Strategic Goal of improving the City's Infrastructure.

Background:

The City's Highway 20 Better Street Design Guide and the Highway 20 Gateway & Streetscape Master Plan aim to create designs and guidelines for the enhancement of the SR20 corridor. The documents analyze existing physical conditions of the SR20 corridor, provide guidelines, and propose improvements to enhance vehicular and pedestrian circulation, provide streetscapes that are safe, visible and accessible to all users, and foster economic development to improve the business climate.

In 2017, the City leveraged the Highway 20 Gateway & Streetscape Master Plan to access Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG) funding for proposed improvements to the median on SR20 between Clark Ave and Stafford Way. The improvements included hardscaping, landscaping, and irrigation work and serve as the design template for future median improvements along the SR20 corridor.

On June 19, 2018, the City submitted an application letter to the SACOG applying for the Community Design Program (Round 8) non-competitive Category 3 funds, for continued enhancements to the

SR20 corridor. In the application, staff proposed to design and construct improvements to the SR20 corridor in accordance with the City's Highway 20 Better Street Design Guide, Highway 20 Gateway & Streetscape Master Plan, and Caltrans requirements.

On April 2, 2019, Council authorized the City Manager to execute the required Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with SACOG in order to access the \$100,000 in grant funds. The MOU requires the City to pledge a required minimum 10% local match. On April 4, 2019, the City entered into the MOU with SACOG. These SACOG grant funds must be utilized for the design and construction of SR20 corridor improvements.

Analysis:

On December 15, 2020, per Council's request, staff proposed three options for SR20 corridor improvements that fall within the programmed grant funding requirements and the Highway 20 Gateway & Streetscape Master Plan. Council selected the following option:

- Construct parkway strips on the north/south sides of SR20 from Stafford Way to Clark Ave. Parkway strips will match the recent improvements made to the median between Clark Avenue and Stafford Way and will include plantings of grasses and medium trees, irrigation system and hardscaping (decomposed granite and cobble) (Exhibit A).

Staff contracted with Melton Design Group of Chico, CA, to complete the Plans and Specifications for the improvements. The project is in Caltrans right of way (ROW) and as such, requires an encroachment permit and coordination with multiple Caltrans departments including their ADA, Traffic, and Signal departments.

Upon coordination with Caltrans, staff has learned that the following items within the project limits will need to be replaced and relocated as a condition to the encroachment permit:

- Caltrans traffic signal poles, conduits, and electrical boxes
- ADA-Compliant ramps

Due to the Caltrans requirements listed above, and the current bidding environment and material shortages, staff estimates the project cost will exceed \$750,000, a substantial increase over the original \$135,000 estimate, and delay the project significantly. Staff proposes modifications to the Council selected option to stay within the original budget and accelerate the encroachment permit process to avoid project delays:

- Delete parkway strip work on the south-side
- Delete landscaping and irrigation work
- Relocate north-side limits of the project to the curb returns (prior to the ADA-ramps) at Stafford and Clark to avoid Caltrans traffic signal poles, conduits, electrical boxes, and ADA-ramps

New sidewalk and hardscaping (decomposed granite only) will remain in the project scope on the north-side (Exhibit B).

With Council's approval of the plans and specifications and authorization to advertise for bids, staff proposes the following schedule:

Caltrans Encroachment Permit Process:	April 2022 - June 2022
Advertise for bid:	June 2022

Open bids:	June 2022
Award contract:	July 2022
Start of construction:	August 2022
Complete construction:	September 2022

The plans and specifications for the project are on file in the Public Works Department at City Hall and at www.yubacity.net/publicworksplans for review. The City's Public Works Department will perform construction management and inspection.

Fiscal Impact:

To date, staff has encumbered approximately \$31,500 for design and staff time. Construction of the reduced scope is estimated to be approximately \$100,000, including a 10% contingency, for a total cost of approximately \$131,500, which is more in line with the original budget. Funding will be through existing CIP Account No. 1254 (State Route 20 Corridor Improvements), which has an approximate balance of \$226,000 broken down as follows: \$91,000 General Fund, \$35,000 TDA Fund, and \$100,000 Community Design Program Grant. The SACOG grant provides \$100,000 in non-competitive category 3 funding with a required 10% City match (minimum).

Environmental:

The City has prepared a preliminary environmental assessment of this project and the City Council determines that it falls within the Categorical Exemption set forth in CEQA Guidelines section 15301, which exempts the operation, repair, or minor alteration of existing public facilities involving negligible or no expansion of former use, and which is applicable as the project proposes reconstruction of the former/existing parkway strips along SR20 resulting in negligible or no expansion of use beyond that existing at the time of determination. In addition, work does not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees (15304(b)).

Alternatives:

1. Do not approve the revised project scope and provide direction on an alternative project scope.
2. Direct staff to proceed with Council's original preferred scope, recognizing that this will required a large local fund contribution.

Delaying the project may jeopardize SACOG funding.

Recommendation:

Adopt a Resolution adopting a CEQA Class 1 Categorical Exemption for the State Route 20 Corridor Improvements Project – Phase 2, approving the plans and specifications, and authorizing advertisement for bids on the Project, pending receipt of a Caltrans encroachment permit.

Attachments:

1. Resolution - State Route 20 Corridor Improvements Project – Phase 2
2. Original Scope
3. Proposed Scope

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ATTACHMENT 1

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YUBA CITY
ADOPTING A CEQA CLASS 1 CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION FOR THE STATE
ROUTE 20 CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT - PHASE 2, APPROVING
THE PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS, AND AUTHORIZING ADVERTISEMENT
FOR BIDS ON THE PROJECT**

WHEREAS, the Public Works Department intends to solicit bids for construction of the State Route 20 Corridor Improvements Project – Phase 2.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved and ordered by the City Council of Yuba City as follows:

1. The City has prepared a preliminary environmental assessment of this project and the City Council determines that it falls within the Categorical Exemption set forth in CEQA Guidelines section 15301, which exempts the operation, repair, or minor alteration of existing public facilities involving negligible or no expansion of former use, and which is applicable as the project proposes reconstruction of the former/existing parkway strips along SR20 resulting in negligible or no expansion of use beyond that existing at the time of determination. In addition, work does not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees (15304(b)).
2. The plans and specifications for the State Route 20 Corridor Improvements Project – Phase 2 be approved.
3. The Public Works Department is hereby authorized and directed to advertise for bids for the State Route 20 Corridor Improvements Project – Phase 2, pending Caltrans encroachment permit.

The foregoing Resolution was duly and regularly introduced, passed, and adopted by the City Council of the City of Yuba City at a regular meeting thereof held on the 5th day of April, 2022.

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

Dave Shaw, Mayor

ATTEST:

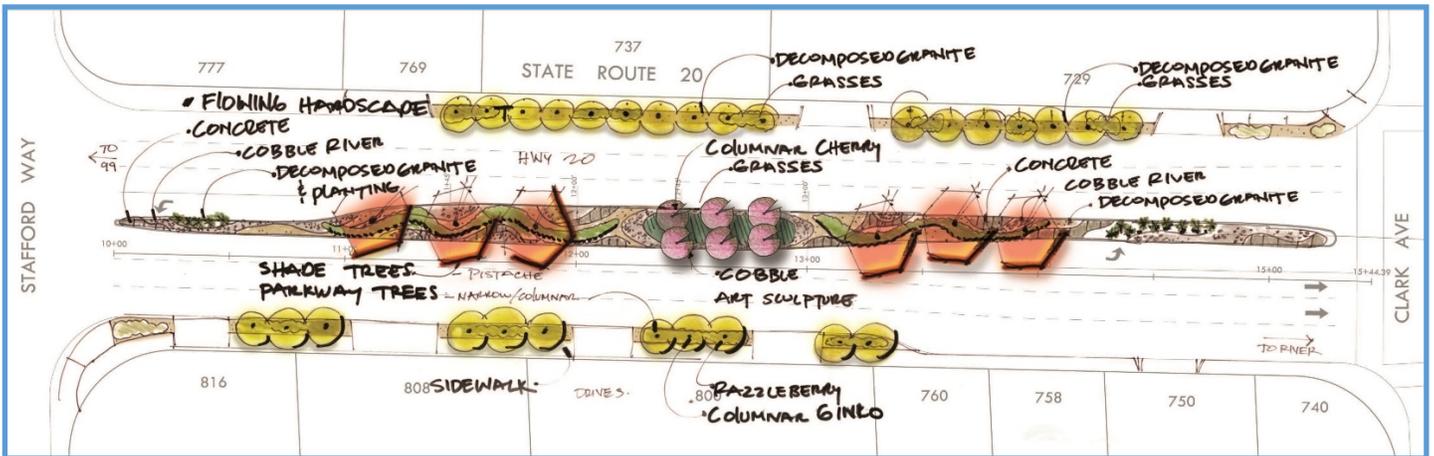
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ATTACHMENT 2

ORIGINAL APPROVED SCOPE



ATTACHMENT 3

